

(d) The Revised Cost is yet to be assessed by the State Government.

(e) Major contractual problem have been resolved by the Government to enable contractors to expedite the progress.

[English]

Setting Up of Jute Goods Industry at Noida near Delhi

7043. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a modern factory for the manufacture of jute goods at Noida near Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Construction of a new Bridge on River Chhonda

7044. SHRI BARELAL JATAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old bridge on river Chhonda on National Highway in Morena district is in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to construct a new bridge on this Highway and raise the level of this road till a new bridge is constructed there; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Presumably

the Hon'ble member is referring to the old bridge across Assan River at Km 85/10 on NH 3 near Chonda village in Morena District. The existing bridge is old and weak. Construction of a new bridge including approaches is included in Annual plan 1991-92 for sanction subject to finalisation of the technical details.

Closure of Nationalised Cotton Mills in U.P

7045. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the some of the cotton mills in Uttar Pradesh which were nationalised during the last few years are lying closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and the names and locations of such mills; and

(c) the details of losses suffered by these mills during 1988-89 and 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir. None of the mill nationalised by the Central Government and run by National Textile Corporation is lying closed in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Asian Development Bank Assistance for reconstruction of National Highways

7046. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Band has provided financial assistance for the reconstruction of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to allocate funds for reconstruction and widening of national Highways connecting Sikkim;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). yes, Sir. The Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide financial assistance for the following National Highway Projects:-

1. Widening to 4-lanes and strengthening Anakapally to Vishakhapatnam Section of NH.5 (46 kms) in Andhra Pradesh.
2. 4-laning and strengthening from Ballabgarh to Mathura Section of NH.2 (111 kms) in Haryana & Uttar Pradesh.
3. 4-laning and strengthening Bangalore-Karnataka/ Tamil Nadu Border Section of NH.7.
4. 4-laning and strengthening Alwaye-Vyttila and Aroor-Sherthla Section (37 kms) and strengthening Vyttila-Aroor Section (10 kms) of NH.47 in Kerala.
5. 4-laning and strengthening Achrol-kotputli Section of NH.8 in Rajasthan.

(c) to (e). While National Highway No. 31A leading to Sikkim has not been included for external assistance under the Asian Development Bank Programme, it is being improved continuously subject to the availability of funds.

Seizure of Diamonds

7047. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diamonds worth Rupees one crore were seized by the enforcement agencies during August, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have some plan for the utilisation of these diamonds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Acting on specific information, S/Shri Abdul Rahman, Mohammed Sharib Usman and Nazir Mohammed were intercepted at I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi, on 24.8.91 when they were leaving for Hong Kong by Flight No. BA-035 and cut and polished diamonds valued at Rs. 87,77,000/- alongwith US \$ 73,600/- were recovered and seized from their possession.

(c) and (d). Confiscated cut and polished diamonds are sold by the Customs Department for the purposes of export.

Casual Workers In C.A.D. Camp Phulgaon Wardha

7048. SHRI RAMCHANDRA MAROTRAO GHANGARE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than one hundred class IV casual workers are working in the C.A.D camp Phulgaon district, Wardha for more than five years;

(b) whether the camp authorities still employ more casual workers every year at occasional intervals; and

(c) if so, the reasons why the previous class IV so-called 'casual' workers are not either regularised or made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE